



Parks & Recreation

City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 8, 2020

Time: 7pm.

Location: Meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 closure. It was recorded and hosted by the City of Ypsilanti Staff Bonnie Wessler.

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners All were present. Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie, Dillion Navarre, Cherisa Allen Julia Collins, Kurt Kohlmann and Amanda Marshall. Bonnie Wessler from the City was present
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Agenda was moved by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –November 10, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Connor Barrie and Commissioner Collins seconded approval. Roll call vote, Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** - None
6. **Old Business**
 - a. mParks Award Nomination Update The Park Leadership Award nomination of Christopher Jacobs was not accepted but will be on file for two years if we want to resubmit it again and/or add to it. The Facility Award for the Pool Bath house was not accepted but we can resubmit again next year when it is up and running. There has been no word on the Graphic Design award.
7. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** Commissioner Thorburn reported that there was not an update as the FORP meeting had been postponed until 12/9/2020
 - ii. **Senior Center-** Commissioner Sweet reported that there will be a gift ask mass mailing going out to the 48197 and 48198 zip codes. A draft 3-year lease agreement has been reached with the Friends group and the City with regards to Center.
8. **City of Ypsilanti Updates-** Bonnie Wessler reported that both playgrounds at Parkridge and Candy Cane are completed and will have inspections. Candy Cane will have landscaping work completed in the Spring. The sidewalk is done in Candy Cane. There will be a formal opening of the Frog Island pathway on Friday Am. All are invited. Lights are being added to the pathway and parking lot. The mParks membership has

been renewed. We will need to schedule a public meeting for the Frog Island improvements either in December or early January. The City received a \$300,000 Department of Natural Resources grant for the pedestrian parkway over I94.

9. New Business

A. GaGa Ball Pit-Candy Cane Park Commissioner Sweet has been in contact with the scout that would like to build a gaga pit in Candy Cane park. He has sent him an adopt-a park application and has conferred with Ron Ayers of DPW about the need for a site plan. Work not likely to begin until the Summer.

B 2021 Meeting Schedule- It was moved by Commissioner Kohlmann and seconded by Commissioner Allen to keep the meeting dates on second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Dates were provided. Roll call vote. Passed.

10. Other Business-

Commissioner Navarre stated that he found out that the communication board is indeed treated for outdoor use. He said that if we were awarded one it would be the first one in a park. Usually, it is just at schools. He will forward us the application.

11. Commissioner Comments/Announcements-None

12. Adjournment Moved by Commissioner Kohlmann and seconded by Commissioner Collins. 7:33pm

Next Meeting: January 12, 2021 If we are still under COVID 19 restriction it will be held via Zoom.